

# Bemidji Area Schools - Title I Parent Advisory Council

## **Meeting Minutes**

**June 1, 2015 - Solway Elementary**

### **Members**

*Parents:* Angie Berg, Maria Eastman, Jean Feia/Steever, Bethann Humphrey, Cindy Tuomala, Alisa VanDyke, Jennifer Verdugo

*Solway:* Tami Wesely, Heather Sande, Bonnie Wentzel, Twila Bolte

*District:* Kathy Palm, Jacque Pearce

### **Solway Education and Title I Services**

Solway Elementary is a unique school, being smaller and unified. The grade configuration is one class per level 1-5, plus two multi-levels; 1-2 and 3-4.

The new Title I teacher is Heather Sande and in 2015-16 Nancy Neis will take over for Denise Johnson. The Solway Title I program runs school-wide, with staff working to improve students' reading and math skills. Title I funds also provide for supplies towards supplemental instruction, books, computers, and family engagement activities. As a school-wide Title 1 Program, all Solway students benefit.

One of the goals in the Solway Elementary school-wide Improvement Plan is to provide more individualized instruction in flexible, small groups. These groups change throughout the school year as the needs of students change. Title 1 staff may help students by giving extra instruction in small groups, either within the regular classroom or in a quieter setting outside the regular classroom. Students may also get extra help in the regular classroom if they need help doing their reading and/or math assignments. Title 1 funded staff also provide assessments and/or screenings.

### **Family Engagement Plans**

Reviews of Family Engagement Plans for the District, Solway, Lincoln, Central and J.W. Smith are made with parents signing final documentation. The current Parent Surveys and school Parent Contracts will be attached to the 2015-2016 plans.

### **Title I Monitor Results**

Kathy Palm, Title I Director, explains results of the Title I, Title II, and Homeless monitoring from January.

### **Spring 2015 Assessments**

Bemidji Area Schools' District Assessment Coordinator, Kathy Palm, shares information on the spring state testing.

**Next Luncheon Meeting in the early part of the 2015-2016 school year**